

(1) Review the minutes from the meeting conducted July 22–23, 1997, in Houston, TX.

(2) Discuss work completed by facility VCS work group.

(3) Discuss work completed by vessel VCS work group.

#### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should notify the Executive Director no later than August 25, 1997. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 25, 1997. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meetings, that person should submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than August 18, 1997.

#### Information on Services for the Disabled

For information on facilities or services for the disabled or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Lieutenant Plunkett as soon as possible.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Proposed Development of the JFK International Airport Light Rail System, Queens, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is making available the Record of Decision for the proposed Development of the JFK International Airport Light Rail System Queens, New York.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Laurence Schaefer, FAA, John F. Kennedy International Airport, AEA–610, Jamaica, NY 11430, fax: (718) 955–9219; telephone (718) 553–3340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any person may obtain a copy of the ROD by

submitting a request to the FAA contact identified above. The FAA is Lead Agency for purposes of implementing the procedures required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, on a proposed transportation system for an airport access improvement project sponsored by the The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority), operator of the airport.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Record of Decision (ROD) is available to anyone upon request.

The FAA considered potential environmental impacts and other factors resulting from the construction of the JFK International Airport Light Rail System Project (the Project) at JFK International Airport (JFK). The ROD presents:

- alternatives considered for the project;
- the basis/justification for selecting the Preferred Alternative;
- impacts analysis;
- mitigation measures for the Preferred Alternative;
- response to comments; and
- Agency Findings.

The project proposed by the Port authority is the development of a Light Rail System (LRS) to improve ground access within JFK International Airport (JFK) in Queens County, New York, as well as to and from JFK via connections at Jamaica Station and the New York City Transit Howard Beach Station. Construction of the Project requires the incorporation of the system right-of-way in the Airport Layout Plan. The FAA conditionally approved a modification to the Airport Layout Plan on January 23, 1997. This approval was made subject to an acceptable environmental review.

The FAA, as the Lead Agency has determined that the requirements of the NEPA have been satisfied for the construction of the proposed project in Queens County, New York. This decision is based upon the FAA's close monitoring of the process and consideration of the effects of the project, all of which are documented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the Written Reevaluation/Technical Report on Changes to the Proposed JFK Airport Access Program and the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The FAA's determinations are outlined in the ROD. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was approved on May 12, 1997. The ROD was concurred in on July 18, 1997.

The LRS is intended to achieve the objective of providing reliable, safe, and efficient ground access for air

passengers and employees with frequent service to, from, and within JFK, and links to the regional mass transportation system, that will assist JFK to realize its effective capacity and continue operating successfully. By removing cars traveling to and from JFK on the regional roadway network, the LRS would result in reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in the region, easing congestion, and improving air quality, assisting in the region's efforts to comply with federal air quality standards. In terms of broader objectives, the LRS is intended to support the region's competitive position in the global economy, as well as preserve the capacity of the national air transportation system.

Improved access to JFK will provide the potential for JFK to remain the critical gateway that it currently is, and may enhance its ability to compete with other gateway cities in the Region.

Issued in Jamaica, New York on July 23, 1997.

**William DeGraaff,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss general aviation operations issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on August 19, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Noreen Hannigan, Regulations Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM–106), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267–7476; FAX: (202) 267–5075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss general aviation operations